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PRESS Sports

SCULLY-DOGGETT BETTER TEAM THAN GOWDY-KELLEY

One of the reasons why Walter O'Malley and the Dodgers have been able to best gate records each year in Los Angeles, is the combination radio qualities of Vince Scully and Jerry Doggett. The pair sometimes make baseball a helluva interesting sport: their description of the activities on the field is better than watching a game on television.



SCULLY

Even O'Malley admits that he has a duo that's hard to beat.

The Dodger President has often stated that the magic of Scully-Doggett has brought more cash customers to the Coliseum. The Dodger broadcasters' success is measured in large part to the hordes of women who have become fans since the ex-Brooklyn club made its way west. The gentler sex have been to the park because of the slants of Scully and Doggett. Their play-by-play renderings have increased the sales of transistor radios. Just go out to a game this year and listen, then look who's carrying the sets. It's the women, they can't follow the game without Scully telling them what's going on.

ANGELS POOR SECOND

Rumors are just as plentiful in baseball as in your neighborhood. Although lacking confirmation, a rumor hits us that the Angels will soon announce that Curt Gowdy, for many years the voice of the Boston Red Sox, and Bob Kelley, old Angeles, and more recently voice of the Los Angeles Rams, will handle the mike chores for the junior Los Angeles baseball club.

On the assumption that we are talking about fact instead of fiction, the opinion here is that Fred Haney and his organization could have done better than Bob Kelley. Gowdy is no Scully by any stretch of the imagination but he's a good second. Whereas Kelley couldn't be placed in the same category behind Doggett. In fact, the boisterous Bob has no equal. He is so far behind in broadcasting baseball that he would be a deterrent instead of a help to the Angels.

Kelley is somewhat of a politician and the term is used here in complimentary fashion. He's a more than capable sports columnist on the Press-Telegram in Long Beach. As a sports commentator on KMPC Kelley is as good as any of them. Both jobs call for reading or writing a prepared script. Play-by-play announcers do not have the benefit of the visible text. All their chatter must come to them in seconds—no time to consult the sheet. Kelly is not a gifted voice of that nature. His Rams' broadcasting has proven this. Try and recall TV games. If you watched closely you wondered if Bob was announcing another game, he was that far off.

Perhaps Gowdy and Kelley were the best available for Haney and Autry. It is not known what, other than money, induced the pleasant sounding Gowdy to Esos Angeles. However, it doesn't take a clouded crystal ball to discover why the front office settled on KMPC's Bob Kelly. The only certain fact here is that KMPC will be the station bringing fans a radio report on the doings of the Angels.

WILL NOT PULL BECAUSE OF RADIO

O'Malley used the air lanes to entice the greater Los Angeles County public to attend Dodger games at the Coliseum. Scully and Doggett were the right men to do the job O'Malley wanted. The Angels will be counting on Gowdy and Kelley to lure the fans to the ugly shell of a ballpark, Wrigley Field. The latter pair won't do it; they do not have the hypnotic qualities of Scully and Doggett.

What will bring the cash customers to Wrigley Field, however, will be the Yankees, White Sox, Indians, and the entire balance of the American League. Radio and the Angels don't have that talent so necessary in bringing in the dollars made of green.

For our ears' sake, let's hope the Angels leave Kelley to the Rams. He might get so excited that radio listeners might hear him say that the Angels are in first place if Steve Bilko hits a home run.

Local Team at Indoor Games

South Bay sports fans will have a double reason for attending the Los Angeles Indoor Games Saturday night at the Memorial Sports Arena with Danny Murphy running in the special high school one-mile, and the Mira Costa relay team competing in the CIF section of the high school 640-yard race.

Coach Miller has announced his Mira Costa relay team as Jim Abbot, Tom Bennett, Mike Haezi and Dennis Jett. The team goes against Burroughs of Burbank and San Bernardino in the CIF race with each runner going one lap, 160 yards.

Murphy, 17-year old Mira Costa senior, will be in the mile against Tommy Sullivan, No. 1 ranked prep of St. George High School, Evanston, Ill., who last year ran 4:11.5 outdoors and already in 1961 has done 4:12.5 indoors.

Murphy, who only weighs 117 pounds, was selected along with other outstanding preps of Southern California to go against Sullivan.

Danny, who can run all day and night, may not be at his best distance in the mile but there won't be a more dedicated entry in the race.

He was discovered by his coach, Dean Miller, in a P. E. class two years ago. Miller ordered the class to take a lap of the track and Danny stuck out like a sore thumb. Miller talked him into trying cross-country, but the best Danny did was 87th in the Bay League cross-country for freshmen and sophomores.

He didn't make a letter in his first season of 1959, but Danny stuck with it and Miller gave him a summer training program that paid off.

Last year his best mile was 4:26.8 in placing third in the CIF semifinals at Compton, but he found the two-mile a better distance and set national prep record for the distance of 9:25.5.

Recently he has been working on speed, and has only lost three days of practice, holidays included, since May, 1959. He is on a 15-year plan to become a great distance runner. So, if Danny doesn't beat Sullivan Saturday night give him time.

Del Amo Field Is Signup Site

Registration of boys 13, 14 and 15 years old for the Torrance Babe Ruth League will be held at Del Amo Field, Western and Plaza Del Amo, Saturday, Feb. 11, from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. and Sunday, Feb. 12, from noon to 3 p. m.

Tryouts will be held at the same location on three consecutive Saturdays, Feb. 18 and 25 and March 4. Feb. 11 there will be a work party from 9 a. m. until noon Feb. 11 to prepare the field for the season.

Babe Ruth League regional playoffs for 1961 will be held in Honolulu, it was announced recently.

In 1959 the Torrance Babe Ruth League took the Southern California championship. In 1960 the team was named the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation champions.

YOUNGEST IN YEARS

The seven top Dodger pitchers on the '61 roster (Don Drysdale, Johnnie Podres, Stan Williams, Sandy Koufax, Roger Craig, Larry Sherry and Ed Roebuck) average 26.3 years in age. This is one of the youngest, if not the youngest, staffs in the majors and yet these seven men average five years experience per man—in the MAJORS.

PCLL HAS SIGN-UP

Pacific Coast Little League will hold its 1961 general meeting Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7 p. m. at the WALTERIA Elementary School Cafeteria, located at 24456 Madison St.

All parents and their boys between the ages of 8 and 12 who reside in WALTERIA, Ellinwood, Victoria Knolls and southeast of Via El Sereno and Nancy Lee Lane in Palos Verdes Riviera should attend to learn how they may participate in the forthcoming Little League season.

Albert V. Wilson, PCLL president, has announced an interesting general meeting program which will include 1960 World Series movies, interesting in-person talks by Carl Furillo and Red Adams, scout of the L. A. Dodgers, and additional details regarding PCLL registration and tryouts.

Registration is scheduled for 9 a. m. to 12 noon at WALTERIA School Feb. 25. Tryouts are scheduled for March 4 and 11 at Kissel Field.

LET'S GO

BOWLING

With Darlene Cope

Bowlers, take notice of the following changes in trophy awards which have just become official at Gable House.

HOUSE TROPHIES

During the past year, Gable House has awarded an individual trophy to anyone sparing the 7-9, 8-10 and 4-6 splits. This year, Jerry Homel has changed this feature in order to give other bowlers a chance to win trophies.



There was only one lady bowler scoring over a 200 last week and she is Virginia Olson (Deers League) who shot a big 209.

Other winners were all juniors. They are B. Kaslick, 214; Harvey Schuster, 210; Rickie Treadwell, 200; Dave Matosky, 211; Eddie Hamilton, 225; Dick Tracy, 202; and Jim Brown, 209. Congratulations to all and let's see the rest of you work hard and win a trophy.

GABLE GAB

Don't miss the spare pick-up class this afternoon at 1 o'clock. I'll be there too, since I'm anxious to find out what Homel's special feature will be.

Good news that the 50 and over free bowling class given by Ruth Caudle on Sunday mornings, is such a success. Keep attending and bring your friends.

Sign up for this Saturday night Moonlight Bowl at the bewitching hour of midnight. The main prize has risen to \$75 and the hidden number feature has gone up to \$85. See or call Jack Frybaum at FR 8-2265 and get your name on the reservation list.

Jerry Homel will be visiting your league soon to have sign-ups for Summer league play. So—bear down, work hard, and get those averages where they should be.

Announcements will be made this week that the first year alley blues will be over soon. Gable will have its lanes resurfaced in about 60 days. So, as soon as this is done, watch those averages rise—(So they tell me!).

Dale Quay is now working at the front desk in the evenings as well as his regular job as Office Manager. Dale feels that by working at the desk, he will maintain closer contacts with the bowling activities.

Last week, I did a Portrait of a Bowler on Dot Downer. In the column, I stated that Dot's high game was 198. Monday, in her first practice game and with her husband and this reporter watching, Dot went over the hump and shot a 203.

If anyone knows of someone who would be interesting to write up as a Portrait of a Bowler, drop a note in my box at the front desk at Gable.

SHADE TREES

Bare-root shade trees, fruit trees and shrubs can be planted through February. The earlier the better.

Requests Cause Ski Class to Begin Again

Because of veritable blizzard of requests, a third dry-land ski school will be conducted by the Torrance Recreation Department starting Wednesday, February 8.

The class, to meet at El Retiro Park, 126 Vista del Parque, was organized after scores of persons expressed interest in two earlier classes staged by the department.

The group will meet at the park at 7:30 p. m. for three consecutive Wednesdays. Crushed ice snow is planned for the final sessions, weather permitting. Instructor will be Ed Weister a member of the Far West Ski Assn.

WALTERIA School Feb. 25. Tryouts are scheduled for March 4 and 11 at Kissel Field.

PADRES NOW 3-3

Fermin Lasuen's junior varsity swept over a strong Bishop Montgomery quintet at Admiral Leigh Gymnasium this weekend 42-36 and evened their Camino Real League standing 3-3.

The underdog Padres were masters of the game throughout, taking 68 rebounds to the Knights' 31. Spurred by Tracy O'Connor's sharp defensive game, Lasuen fell short only on shooting. Emphasizing this weakness, Coach Robert Hill said that his cagers' shooting is still far short of what he expects. He noted that none of the team with the exception of Joey Gallegos meets his standards in this department. Looking ahead to next year, when Lasuen will assume varsity status, Coach Hill said, "The Padres' defensive play is excellent and with plenty of out of season practice in shooting, Lasuen will hold its own in forthcoming Camino Real League varsity competition."

Quizzed about CRL championship hopes, Hill noted that his hoopsters are out of running for the top spot but that if they continue to exhibit the form shown in the Montgomery clash, they may come in tied for second place.

Next hardwood encounter slated for the Padres is the Tuesday tilt with St. Bernard on the Vikings' Westchester court at 7 p. m.

PRO BALL ON TV

The St. Louis Hawks host the Cincinnati Royals and Los Angeles Lakers at Kiel Auditorium this Saturday and Sunday in professional basketball games on the NBC-TV Network. Lindsey Nelson will be the court-side commentator for both games.

The St. Louis - Cincinnati contest (Saturday at 11 a. m.) pits the Hawks' high-scoring trio of Bob Pettit, Cliff Hagan and Clyde Lovellette against the Royals' combination of Oscar Robertson and Jack Twyman. In the St. Louis - Los Angeles game (Sunday at 11:30 a. m.) the Hawks face the league's second leading scorer in Elgin Baylor.

DRIVING TIPS

The Automobile Club of Southern California offers the following driving tips to motorists who find themselves driving during foggy conditions: Reduce your driving speed; set headlights on dim to cut down glare; if fog is too thick, pull your car off the road and wait until visibility improves.

7-Up Youth Foundation Holds Kid Ball Clinic

The 7-Up Youth Foundation will conduct a kids' baseball clinic for 8 to 16-year-old boys at Del Amo Field from 9:30 to 11 a. m. on Saturday, April 29.

Johnny Lindell, sports director for the youth foundation, will be in charge. His instructing staff for the day will include several ex-major leaguers, including Frank Kelleher.



JOHNNY LINDELL

"Big John" Lindell, former New York Yankee outfielder and Hollywood Star knuckleballer, signed on the staff of the 7-Up Youth Foundation when he retired from his 19 years of professional baseball. These years included four World Series with the Yankees. In 1947 he led the team with a .500 batting average during the Series.

Kelleher, now the assistant sports director for the 7-Up Youth Foundation, retired from the Hollywood Stars in 1954 after 17 years in the pro ranks. He played on six pennant-winning teams, averaging .285 and hitting 359 home runs.



FRANK KELLEHER

According to Johnny, the principal purpose of the baseball clinic is to teach boys the

fundamentals of fielding and hitting. Says he, "Every baseball player eventually develops his own batting stance. No two players hit exactly alike. All we can do is teach a boy how to swing the bat level and keep his eye on the ball. When he has mastered these fundamentals, his batting style takes care of itself. Any boy who can throw and run can be taught to play baseball," he feels. "Learning to field a position correctly is relatively simple for a well-coordinated, heads-up boy."

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